
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING THE FACILITIES AT LUALUALEI, WHICH ARE OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY, TO BE USED AS AN EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR CIVILIANS.

1 WHEREAS, natural disasters appear to be increasing in
2 frequency and intensity; and

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4 WHEREAS, the State must have a comprehensive emergency
5 preparedness program to mitigate hazards, enhance preparedness
6 for major disasters, and accelerate response and recovery when
7 disaster strikes; and

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9 WHEREAS, current concerns and challenges for the State
10 Civil Defense are the lack of emergency spaces throughout the
11 state, evacuation of tourists and residents, evacuation of the
12 special needs population, special needs emergency shelters, and
13 the development and maintenance of plans, public awareness and
14 involvement; and

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16 WHEREAS, plans to protect the public health, safety, and
17 welfare during disasters caused by fire, flood, tidal wave,
18 earthquake, or other natural causes and enemy attack, sabotage,
19 and other hostile action must be made to ensure the ability for
20 people to move quickly and efficiently to safe shelters; and

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22 WHEREAS, the communities of Waianae, Makaha, Makua, Honokai
23 Hale, Nanakuli, and Lualualei have only one major roadway with
24 which to enter or exit their districts and in a time of
25 emergency this highway can easily become congested or even shut
26 down completely; and



1 WHEREAS, shelters for the people on the west coast of Oahu
2 need to be in a close and convenient location, large enough to
3 handle evacuees from the area, and structurally able to bear the
4 brunt of disasters such as hurricanes;

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6 WHEREAS, about 1,700 acres at Lualualei were taken from the
7 Hawaiian Home Lands in 1930 and 1933 under federal executive
8 orders when Hawaii was a territory and turned over to the Navy
9 for ammunition storage; and

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11 WHEREAS, within the valley at the base of the Waianae
12 Mountain range are 266 underground and above-ground ammunition
13 storage areas that make up the Lualualei Naval Magazine; and

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15 WHEREAS, the facilities in the Lualualei Naval Magazine may
16 make an ideal site for emergency shelters due to their location
17 and the structural integrity of the bunker-style storage areas;
18 now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2008, that the Civil Defense Division of the
23 Department of Defense is requested to conduct a study to
24 determine the feasibility of allowing the facilities at
25 Lualualei, which are owned by the United States Navy, to be used
26 as an emergency shelter for civilians; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the feasibility study should
29 examine:

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31 (1) Any necessary agreements between the State and the
32 United States Navy;
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34 (2) The sufficiency and capacity of the facilities to
35 provide emergency shelter;



- 1 (3) Logistical challenges to making all or part of the
- 2 facilities available to civilians for use during an
- 3 emergency;
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- 5 (4) Any costs involved; and
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- 7 (5) Any other pertinent issues;
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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Civil Defense Division is
 12 also requested to submit a report of its findings, including any
 13 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days
 14 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 17 Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of the United States
 18 Pacific Fleet, Hawaii's Congressional Delegation, Governor,
 19 Adjutant General, and State Civil Defense Director.

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